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CLANDESTINE COMMUNICATIONS

MADRID EFE IN SPANISH 2056 GMT 18 SEP 69 C

(TEXT) MONTEVIDEO, 18 SEP--THE CLANDESTINE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK THAT WAS DISCOVERED TODAY BY THE MONTEVIDEO POLICE WAS TO BE USED TO EXERT COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE EMBASSIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, ITALY, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN MONTEVIDEO, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES TONIGHT. THE CLANDESTINE CONNECTIONS WERE SET UP IN A FARM LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND SOME 50 METERS FROM THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATION.

THE URUGUAYAN POLICE DISCARDED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ESPIONAGE NETWORK WAS SET UP BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY, INDICATING THAT IT WAS AT THE SERVICE OF A DIVISION OF "INTELLIGENCE OF ANOTHER GREAT POWER."

VERY MODERN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AN UNDERGROUND CABLE CONNECTED TO A URUGUAYAN TELEPHONE COMPANY (UTE) CHANNEL, (WORDS INDISTINCT) AS WELL AS GREAT QUANTITIES OF EXPLOSIVES AND A POWERFUL FM TRANSMITTER, WERE SEIZED BY THE POLICE IN THE OCCUPIED HOUSE.

SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE MAINTAINED ABSOLUTE SILENCE ON THE MATTER. HOWEVER, THE DAILY EL POPULAR, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE (URUGUAYAN) COMMUNIST PARTY, THIS MORNING DENOUNCED THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) IN THE ESPIONAGE NETWORK.

AS TO THE SPANISH COUPLE ARRESTED EARLY TODAY, WHO WERE BELIEVED TO BE LINKED TO THE AFFAIR, THEY HAVE PROVED THEIR TOTAL INNOCENCE AND WILL BE RELEASED IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS. THE ARMY AND THE POLICE CONTINUE THEIR INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND NEW FINDINGS ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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BUENOS AIRES ANSA IN SPANISH 1815 GMT 18 SEP 69 P

(EXCERPTS) MONTEVIDEO, 18 SEPTEMBER--AUTHORIZED SOURCES DOUBT THAT THERE IS ANY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TELEPHONE NETWORK AND THE FM RADIO TRANSMITTER AND BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE TWO UNRELATED CASES DISCOVERED ON THE SAME SITE. IT WAS IN EFFECT LEARNED THAT THE TELEPHONE NETWORK WAS INSTALLED PERHAPS 20 YEARS AGO (JUDGING FROM THE CONDITION OF THE CABLES AND CONNECTIONS--ANSA), A TIME WHEN THERE WERE NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, TO WHICH SOME SOURCES ATTRIBUTED THE TELEPHONE NETWORK. HOWEVER, THE RADIO TRANSMITTER CAN LOGICALLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS THAT NOW EXIST IN URUGUAY.

CONTRARY TO INITIAL REPORTS, 5#3 BUILDING IN WHICH THE TELEPHONE NETWORK AND THE TRANSMITTER WERE FOUND HAS NEVER BEEN OCCUPIED BY EITHER THE SOVIET EMBASSY, CONSULATE, OR THEIR PERSONNEL. THE CONFUSION AROSE BECAUSE THE BUILDING NEXT DOOR WAS OCCUPIED BY THE SOVIET CONSULATE UNTIL RECENTLY.

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MADRID EFE IN SPANISH 2043 GMT 18 SEP 69 C

(TEXT) MONTEVIDEO, 18 SEP--PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC JORGE PACHECO MET THIS AFTERNOON WITH INTERIOR MINISTER PEDRO CEROSIMOS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTER GEN ANTONIO FRANCESE TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC OF ESPIONAGE AGAINST THE SOVIET, CZECHOSLOVAK, AND ITALIAN EMBASSIES. THE MEETING LASTED ALMOST AN HOUR AND AT ITS CONCLUSION, THE DFENSE MINISTER ADMITTED HAVING TALKED WITH PRESIDENT ABOUT THE ESPIONAGE AFFAIR, REFUSING TO FURNISH ANY OTHER DETAILS (WORDS INDISTINCT).

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